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NEWS RELEASE**



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KOTZEBUE COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING OPENINGS**

During the first 8 hour opening the catch was 1,580 chum salmon by 7 permit holders. The catch was average compared to previous years for this date.

Commercial salmon fishing will be open for 8 hours daily from the hours of 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. beginning Wednesday, July 11 until 4 a.m. Saturday, July 14 in the Kotzebue District.

Fishermen are reminded to check with Great Pacific if the buyer needs to shorten the hours they will buy fish because of limited ice supplies or airline schedules.

Permit holders must have a valid 2012 commercial salmon fishing permit for Kotzebue Salmon, valid government-issued picture identification and your boat must be registered with DMV. All other crewmembers must have a 2012 commercial crewmember license, or a 2012 State of Alaska commercial fishing permit for any fishery can substitute for the commercial crewmember license.

If you have any questions concerning the fishery you can call the Kotzebue office at 442-3420, or the Commercial Fisheries office in Nome at 1-800-560-2271 or the buyer at 442-4192.